

LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL PROGRAM SMALL GRANT PROGRAM

Beginning in 2003 the Lake Michigan Coastal Program has allocated a limited amount of funds to serve short term requests for funding from the coastal community. The projects are to be short-term in duration and small in scope and use the same application as the Large Grant program.

Two different small grant categories are available:

- **Outreach and Education** - includes ideas such as public participation processes, information kiosks, symposiums, conferences (cannot cover food costs), etc.
- **Resource Management** – projects such as GIS data collection, aerial photography, land use planning and other projects that allow for better resource management.

Who can apply?

All entities eligible for the annual Large Grant funding cycle are eligible to apply for Small Grant funds. This includes local units of government, nonprofits, colleges and universities, joint powers boards, state agencies, etc. The project must occur within the Coastal Area and address Coastal Issues.

What are the Match Requirements?

- Request for funds cannot be more than \$5,000
- Projects must be matched *at least* 50/50 or 1:1.
 - A \$5,000 request must be matched with \$5,000 of non-federal cash or in-kind services for a total of \$10,000.
 - Must follow same accounting standards as large grants.
- All funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis.

What are the Project Limitations?

- A project can receive LMCP small grant funds only once during the project life.
- An applicant can only have one request funded at a time.
- Projects cannot involve construction, land acquisition or restoration.

What is the Timeline for Small Grants?

- Grants applications are accepted at the same time as the regular large scale grants and anytime thereafter.
- Projects must be ready to begin within 30 days of approval, pending a signed grant agreement. (2006 Funding Cycle projects will be able start after August 2006.)
- Projects must be totally completed within six months, including all paperwork and requests for reimbursements.

How much is available for the 2006 Grant Cycle?

\$ 20,000 is available for Outreach and Education
\$ 20,000 is available for Resource Management